

MAYO BRIDGE IS TWO-THIRDS DONE

Will Be Ready for Traffic Before City Solves Problem of Approaches.

OPEN WEATHER AIDS WORK

Contractor I. J. Smith Promises Delivery on Contract Date, July 12.

Taking advantage of the unusually open weather of the past few weeks, contractors for the new Mayo Bridge have pushed the work forward rapidly. I. J. Smith, president of the contracting firm, now asserts with confidence that the structure will be delivered to the city complete on the contract date—July 12 next. From end to end, more than 150 men are working, and it is a fact unique in the experience of the contractors that since the first of the year the men have made full time each week, weather, when the City Engineer would allow no concrete to be poured, and small freshets and ordinary high water are no longer to be feared. Nothing short of a genuine fifteen-foot flood, which would lower part of the city, would now suffice to stop the work for any length of time.

Curious Weather Contrast. In a curious contrast between last winter and this, the reports of the contractor show that during the winter the water level between the island and the north shore was being constructed. There was a period of more than two months of almost continuous freezing weather, when the City Engineer would allow no concrete to be poured, and frequent rises in the river during that winter carried away the wooden footings used by the workmen more than thirty times. This winter the work has been on the southern side of the island. There has not been a continuous week when concrete could not be poured, and not once has the wooden footbridge been swept away by high water.

The contract price of the bridge is \$250,000, to which is to be added certain extras for work on the island and for street car tracks. The city has paid out on account of construction up to February 1, \$112,959.89. The bridge is approximately two-thirds completed, in fact, it allows for the material and machinery on the ground, a careful estimate would place the work at about three-fourths done. Beginning at the north shore, all of the arches have been completed, the island and cars are now making the sand fill on which the piling is to be placed. The work on the island is well advanced, and the piling for the bridge is being laid. The work on the island is well advanced, and the piling for the bridge is being laid. The work on the island is well advanced, and the piling for the bridge is being laid.

Architects Almost Hired. When the wooden supports were taken from under the first arch, engineers speculated as to the amount of sag, calculating it from a half-inch to an inch and a half. It was about a quarter of an inch. South of the island all of the piers have been completed. All work in the water is done, and the framework for the arches is being placed, and the network of steel reinforcing riveted into place. During this week they will pour concrete into the first southern arch, beyond the island. As Contractor Smith explained yesterday, the program has been laid out from end to end, so that each arch goes southward in sequence, and there is nothing to do but to rush the job right through to completion. If necessary, night gangs can be used on every part of the structure except pouring concrete, where close inspection is required to see that there is both a proper mixture and proper tamping. Under the contract, the city of Richmond furnishes all cement, so that there is no incentive to stint the mixtures of their proper ingredients.

Contractors for the bridge proper believe that they will have the structure done long before the city has solved the problem of proper approaches, and the chances are that even after the bridge is completed, its use will be much hampered, if not prevented, by the supplemental work required. No contracts have been awarded as yet for small bridges over the canals, either at the northern or southern ends.

Problem of Approaches. The present wooden bridge over the South Richmond canal, it is stated, must be entirely replaced before the structure can be opened to traffic. It will probably be rebuilt of concrete on a much higher level, in accordance with the plan for the South Richmond approaches to the bridge. The question of damages to adjoining property owners because of the construction of approaches has not been determined, nor has the city adopted any definite plan for the widening of Fourteenth Street on the northern side. The Administrative Board has cut its way through a mass of red tape by entering into correspondence directly with

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President Finley, of the Southern Railway, in reference to cutting fifteen or twenty feet off the almost unused portion of the Southern Railway yards, and thus effecting the widening of the street from the bridge to Cary Street. From Cary to Main the problem remains unsolved. Use of the new structure by street cars will be greatly handicapped until some plan is agreed upon, and the rearrangement and rebuilding of the car lines in South Richmond may be consequently delayed.

Contractor Smith suggests as the most practicable and immediate relief the flooring over of the canal between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets, making a wide plaza over which north-bound cars and traffic could turn into Fifteenth Street, leaving on Fourteenth Street, from Main to Cary, only a single southbound car track.

IN FAVOR OF PRESTON.

Dickinson Democrats Have Candidate for Internal Revenue Collectorship. Freezing, Va., February 16.—Much interest is being taken by the Democrats of this section in the meeting of the Ninth District Congressional Committee, to be held at Bristol February 20, for the purpose of deciding which of the three aspirants will be named to fill the Western District of Virginia by the incoming Democratic administration, the Ninth District Democrats will try to secure and to endorse an applicant for same. The Democrats of this section largely favor David A. Preston, of Abingdon, for collector of internal revenue for the Sixth District. He is well and favorably known throughout the Ninth District. Besides being a man of the highest type of character and a splendid party worker, this, his friends say, is the fact that he lives in Washington County, the banner Democratic county of the district, entitles him to the endorsement of the Ninth District Democratic Committee.

DIARY FIGURES IN MURDER TRIAL

Dorr Goes Before Jury To-Day on Charge of Killing George E. Marsh.

Salem, Mass., February 16.—A diary, alleged to contain a record of the death of George E. Marsh, written several hours before the body of the wealthy soap manufacturer of Lynn was found on the West Lynn marshes, April 12, 1912, will figure in the trial of William A. Dorr, charged with murder. The case will be opened in the Superior Court here to-morrow. The State will attempt to show that Dorr mailed this journal to an aunt in California and that by this action the police obtained the first clue to the alleged perpetrator of the crime. Other circumstances, including a legacy of \$100,000, which was to go to this aunt in 1914 or earlier in event of Marsh's death, lend a peculiar interest to the mysterious affair. More than 100 witnesses have been summoned and the prosecution's case, built largely on circumstantial evidence, will be stoutly contested. Dorr's mother, Mrs. L. C. Dorr, will attend the trial.

Marsh was seventy-six years of age and a widower. His only immediate relatives were a brother, Caleb, and a son, James M. Marsh. He was not known to have an enemy, and when his body, bearing four bullet wounds, was discovered, the police were at a loss for a motive for his death.

PROTEST IS MADE AGAINST DECISION

Department of Justice Takes Exception to Action of Alaskan Court.

Washington, February 16.—The Department of Justice is making a vigorous protest to the Supreme Court against the decision of the United States District Court for Alaska, which set aside indictments against an alleged "Alaskan transportation trust" on the ground that before the Federal government could indict for alleged transportation discriminations, the questions must be passed upon by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The issue is new and regarded as extremely important.

The Pacific and Arctic Railway and Navigation Company, Pacific Coast Steamship Company, Alaska Steamship Company, Canadian Pacific Railroad Company and others, were indicted under both the Sherman antitrust and the interstate commerce laws for alleged combination and discrimination against "Independents."

Solicitor-General Bullitt, in a brief to the Supreme Court made public to-night, says that action by the commission is not by any means a necessary precedent for criminal prosecution by the government under either statute.

"A moment's reflection must demonstrate that prosecutions under the Sherman law must stand on their own bottom," says the solicitor-general, "and that the power of the United States to indict thereunder cannot, in reason, be limited by the necessity of first obtaining the consent or approval as here, of the Interstate Commerce Commission."

Regarding the government's right to indict under the interstate commerce act, irrespective of the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the solicitor-general contends that the commission has exclusive primary jurisdiction in controversies between carriers and shippers, but in issues between the government and carrier or shippers, the government must proceed independently of the commission.

The government must have this power to indict, he adds, or else it would be surrendering to the commission exclusive criminal jurisdiction.

State Mill Is Destroyed. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Onley, Va., February 16.—Fire destroyed a large state mill of Chesapeake & Co. on Thursday morning. None of the stock on hand was lost, but the loss on the machinery will amount to something like \$1,000, with the loss of the mill itself, a net enterprise for this section and was cutting 16,000 staves per day. The company will rebuild immediately.

GREY COMPLETES HIS REJOINER

Answer to Knox's Note Will Not Settle Panama Canal Controversy.

Washington, February 16.—Sir Edward Grey's rejoinder to Secretary Knox's last note regarding the Panama Canal tolls question practically has been completed, and the subject at least is expected to reach Washington this week. It is understood that this last note by no means settles the controversy, nor does it contain assurance of acceptance of the American proposition to exchange ratifications of the pending general arbitration treaty under the terms of which the issue might be referred to the special commission of six members proposed to be created by that convention.

The rejoinder is, in fact, said to be a continuation of the British argument in support of the contention that the shipping of all nations must be on even terms in the Panama Canal. The arbitration idea is, however, by no means dismissed, but rather elaborated in the design of emphasizing the original British application for that means of adjustment in order that the British side shall lose no point in the event of the expiration June 2, next, of the existing limited arbitration treaty, without the adoption of a substitute. In such case it is expected that the British claim would be that by virtue of having lodged its application for arbitration strictly in accordance with the terms of the treaty, and during its existence, that demand must be recognized thereafter.

The opinion prevails in the State Department, however, that the treaty of 1903 will be extended next June for another term of five years. This was done last week in the case of the Franco-American limited arbitration treaty, which would otherwise have expired by limitation February 27.

BANDIT UNABLE TO CONTROL VICTIMS

Begins to Shoot, Then He Runs, and Is Captured by Crowd.

Kansas City, Mo., February 16.—A dozen men lined up in the street at the point of his revolver proved more than a highwayman could control here to-day, and when they began to break away, the bandit, who had overpowered several men with his bullets, the bandit commenced shooting. After fatally wounding a boy and barely missing several men with his bullets, the bandit turned and ran, with his intended victim at his heels. He was overtaken two blocks away, but was rescued on the arrival of the police.

The attempted hold-up took place not far from the new union station. A number of men were standing on the corner, enjoying the afternoon sun, when the robber, who told the officers his name was D. R. Leeper, sauntered along.

"Hands up, everybody," Leeper said, flourishing a revolver. No one hesitated, and all obeyed an order to line up against the side of a building. Finally Leeper's hat came off and down the line he started with a command for everybody to shut out. At that instant, the men at the corner jumped from the line and ran, and Leeper began shooting. A bullet passed through the lungs of Francis Fitzgerald, a sixteen-year-old boy. He probably will die. A. B. Moten, a keeper, was grazed by a bullet, and one man received a bullet hole through his leg.

His revolver empty, Leeper started to run, followed by the crowd. He was overtaken, but the police arrived and took him to a station.

Bandit Confesses Murder. Chicago, February 16.—Robert Webb, highwayman and leader of the auto-bandits, confessed to-night that he shot and killed Policeman Peter Hart several weeks ago. He was captured Friday. The confession was made to State's Attorney Hoyne, after eight hours' stubborn denial by Webb.

Webb's confession was made under a promise of clemency by State's Attorney Hoyne. Mr. Hoyne said he promised the bandit he would not ask the death penalty for him because he found that Webb was driven to his criminal courses largely because he was the victim of "loan sharks." "This is the only one of the auto-bandits who has been permitted to support himself by working," said Mr. Hoyne. "It was only after he got in the hands of 'loan sharks' that he gave up attempts to earn an honest livelihood. He always had good references from his employees. Many 'loan sharks' receipts were found among Webb's papers."

Webb gave the police the names of five bandits, and twenty automobiles belonging to him, he said, were operating in the city, using four cars. Webb broke down after he had been identified by several of his victims and by two persons who saw him leap from the rear escape from the building in which he slew Hart.

NEW ENTERPRISES AWAY FROM SOUTH

Brief Summary of Development That's Going on in Good Dixie Land.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Baltimore, Md., February 16.—Among the many Southern industrial and other developments that have been reported in this week's issue of the Manufacturers Record are the following: Elk Horn Fuel Company, J. A. Clark, Fairmont, W. Va., president, was incorporated with capital stock of \$300,000, and purchased 300,000 acres of coal lands in Kentucky and West Virginia for development; plans to begin active mining in 1913; will lease lands on royalty basis.

Standard Steel Company, Birmingham, Ala., organized and purchased Southern Iron and Steel Company and has provided sufficient money to keep the plants of the company in full operation pending some permanent plan for financing the new company.

Chattanooga Tennessee River Power Company, Chattanooga, Tenn., will build \$1,000,000 plant generating 20,000 to 25,000 horse-power for operating, in connection with \$8,000,000 Hales Bar hydro-electric plant, under construction.

Mineral Fuel Co. was incorporated with capital stock of \$1,200,000 by James O. Watson and associates of Fairmont, W. Va., and will develop large deposits of coal lands in Letcher County, Ky.

Horse Shoe Lumber Company, River Falls, Ala., purchased 25,000 acres of timber land in Tuscaloosa County for \$200,000, and plans to construct large sawmills to develop the timber.

Tuscaloosa Ice and Light Company, Tuscaloosa, Ala., reorganized and increased capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000; will issue \$25,000 of bonds to retire old bonds and provide for improvements and extension to properties and to acquire additional properties.

Southern Wheel Co., Decatur, Ala., organized with \$2,500,000 capital stock and purchased car wheel plants at Decatur, Atlanta, Savannah and Birmingham.

Buffalo Creek Coal and Coke Company, Logan, Va., purchased 6,600 acres of coal land on Buffalo Creek for \$500,000 and plans development, leasing most of the property to operating companies.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C., will erect a cigarette factory, and has awarded contracts for five machines, each to have daily capacity of 250,000 cigarettes.

Durham Hosiery Mills, Durham, N. C., will demolish No. 2 building and erect two other buildings on site, including a new structure, 200x100 feet; another building, 80x40 feet; and a boiler room; will install equipment, doubling present capacity of plant.

Neonett Mills, Cumberland, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of \$400,000, to manufacture cotton products.

Newton Canning Factory, Newton, Mass., was incorporated with capital stock of \$30,000, to establish canning plant.

Rose Coal Co., Fairmont, W. Va., was incorporated with capital stock of \$15,000, to develop coal lands.

Willette Clay Co., Fairmont, W. Va., was incorporated with capital stock of \$100,000, to establish clay working plant.

Argyle Coal Co., Oak Hill, W. Va., was incorporated with capital stock of \$50,000, to develop coal lands.

Lewisburg Foundry Co., Lewisburg, Tenn., organized with capital stock of \$50,000, to operate foundry and machine plant.

Glark-Lynch Lumber Co., Wilmington, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of \$50,000, to manufacture lumber.

Richmond Mica Co., Richmond, Va., was incorporated with capital stock of \$15,000, to develop mica deposits.

BODY PUT IN WELL AND COVERED UP

Remains of Murdered Man Found—Wife and Stepson Charged With Crime.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Afton, Va., February 16.—The body of Louis Spears, colored, a respected and law-abiding citizen, who lived in Albemarle County with his wife, was found to-day in the bottom of a thirty-foot well, in the yard of his home. He was missing from his neighborhood, and suspicion rested on his wife and stepson, Will White, they having arranged to leave the State, and having filled up the well before their departure. On Saturday, Magistrate J. E. Baber, issued a warrant for the arrest of the wife and stepson, who came home from West Virginia about the time that Spears disappeared. Their evidence was contradictory, and court was adjourned until Monday, the two suspects being placed under bond.

This morning the magistrate ordered the well opened and placed Will White and the wife of Spears under arrest. The well contained logs, brush, old pieces of wagon and other debris. The negro boy sat self-possessed and watched every tub of dirt that was raised and emptied from the well, not showing nervousness or concern. After thirty feet was opened, he was taken to the well and asked if that was the bottom. He said, "Yes." Then the body was only hidden by several feet of earth.

Anthony Paul, a son-in-law of Spears's wife, was also arrested as the body was found in the well. The three were handcuffed and put under guard at the small mountain cabin, and later taken away for questioning.

Monday at 10 o'clock a jury will be empanelled, the body raised from the well and court reopened. It is thought that more than the three now under arrest are implicated. Paul was arrested, as he aided in filling the well.

FACULTY EXPELS GIRL WHO ELOPED

Most Sensational Occurrence in History of State Normal School.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Harrisonburg, Va., February 16.—Following the spectacular elopement on Friday of Miss Lillian Campbell from the State Normal School, when she ran away and married Thomas Berry, of Bedford City, the faculty of that institution held a lengthy meeting and agreed unanimously to expel the offending pupil from the school for leaving the building and town without the knowledge and permission of the school authorities and in violation of the spirit of the honor system, upon which such emphasis is placed by this institution as a preparatory school.

The bride, who is a beautiful blonde, is the daughter of Judge Lawrence Campbell, of Bedford City, who enrolled her as a special student at the normal just a month ago, expecting to give a trip to Paris for study and travel in April. The judge for many months had been endeavoring to break up the love affair.

On Thursday Mr. Berry came to Harrisonburg, presumably on business, and made a formal visit to the normal. It was then that the young couple laid their plans to elope. The father of the bride, who is a sister of the groom, but whether she or any other girls aided the couple is not known.

The affair has been the most sensational since the normal opened four years ago.

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California Purchases 11,362 Acres in Three Counties.

Staunton, Va., February 16.—A deed entered of record a few days ago in the clerk's office of Rockbridge County, in which John A. Alexander transferred to George F. Gray, 11,362 acres of the waters of Big Wolf Pasture River, Mill Creek, etc., in the Counties of Rockbridge, Augusta and Bath, has attracted some attention as to what the purchase might mean. The tract covers the old iron property once worked in Parkersburg. The seller, John A. Alexander, is a member of the Staunton bar, and has been buying up mountain lands in that locality. The purchaser, Mr. Gray, it is understood, is a California man. He has made money in that State, particularly in the lumber business. He is engaged in making investments in Eastern lands, and in so doing, bought up this tract in north Rockbridge.

The government forestry bureau has for some time been making inquiries with the view of buying land for the forest reserve in the same locality. It has failed to do so because it is engaged in getting the lands in large tracts, 25,000 acres or more, so that they will be justified in locating foresters to protect them.

A BIG BULL MOOSE.

Only One Except Teddy Ever Seen in Bristol.

Bristol, Va., February 16.—What is said to be the only genuine specimen of the bull moose ever seen here, aside from the time when Colonel Roosevelt took it, was shipped here last week to Harry R. Sparger. It came from some point in Ontario. It was reshipped from here to H. H. Wade, at Hattiesburg, Miss. It is a six-year-old head of the animal, and had been treated by a taxidermist. The antlers were large and in every respect a perfect specimen of this striking animal from which the third party in the recent national election took its name. The antlers of the moose, while they resemble somewhat those of the elk, are distinctly different, being broad and solid like a paddle as they near the tips.

SHORTEST WILL PROBATED.

Not Over Fifty Words Used by Late T. W. Worsham to Dispose of Estate.

Norfolk, Va., February 16.—The will of T. W. Worsham, of this city, who died last Sunday, probably establishes a record for brevity in a legal document. The kind filed for probate in the office of the clerk of the courts of this city. Mr. Worsham's will, which was admitted to probate in the Corporation Court yesterday, contains not more than fifty words. It was written with pen and ink. Mr. Worsham, only one sheet of a business letterhead being used. There are no subscribing witnesses, and the instrument is devoid of legal terms and phrases.

The will bears the date of January 13, 1905, and bequeathes to Mrs. Evelyn A. Worsham, widow of the testator, who is also named as executrix, the entire estate, valued at \$15,000. The will was proved by H. C. Smith and M. Adelsdorf, who made oath to the genuineness of the will. Mr. Worsham was a peanut, in Commerce Street. Mrs. Worsham qualified as executrix, under bond of \$20,000, without surety.

DISEASE IS CHECKED.

Cows in Warren County Vaccinated to Prevent Spread of Blackleg.

Winchester, Va., February 16.—According to reports received from Warren County, only a few cows have died since the vaccine treatment was resorted to last week in hopes of preventing a record for heavily infected cattle. An epidemic of blackleg, a large number of cows died from the disease in Warren County and also in the northern portion of Page County, but vaccination has checked the disease, and it is being rapidly stamped out.

A. H. FOREMAN INDORSED.

Norfolk County Board Asks for His Retention as Superintendent.

Portsmouth, Va., February 16.—When the Norfolk county school board met yesterday afternoon at the courthouse in this city the candidacy of A. H. Foreman for re-election to the superintendency of the county's public school system was indorsed, and the State Board of Education will be asked to re-elect him.

Division superintendents are selected by the State board sixty days prior to July 1.

Superintendent Hunt of the city's schools has already received the endorsement of the local educators.

The other matters commanding the attention of the county educational board yesterday were largely of a routine nature.

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RESERVOIRS RUN LOW.

Head of Water Department Is Puzzled Over Water Problem.

Lynchburg, Va., February 16.—Superintendent Randolph, of the water department, is at a loss to know what to do in regard to the water supply of the city during cold weather. It seems that during the cold weather there is an unusually heavy drain upon the city reservoirs, which is occasioned by thousands of customers of the department allowing their water to waste during the cold snap to prevent freezing.

Friday morning Mr. Randolph found that the supply in the College Hill Reservoir had been depleted eight feet and that in the Clay Street Basin the supply was down seven feet.

Mr. Randolph declared such a position would be a serious problem in case of a big fire in the city, and he is at a loss to know just how to contend with the trouble. He said that it would be impossible to increase the flow from the Pedlar storage reservoir, because as soon as the heavy drain is over the reservoirs would be flooded with a surplus of water.

ESTATE IS APPRAISED.

Net Balance to Legatees of Judge Roanoke, Va., February 16.—The appraisal of the estate of Judge John W. Woods, made by N. W. Phelps, D. M. Taylor and T. W. Goodwin, was filed before the commission of accounts Friday. The total appraised value of the gross estate is shown to be \$39,077.89. The debts against the estate and costs of administration will amount to approximately \$22,000, leaving a net balance to the legatees of approximately \$16,077.89.

The amount of the appraised value of the specific property and accrued dividends devised and bequeathed to the widow under the will, is \$49,900. The will, after making the above provision for the widow, specifically gives the testator's gold watch and chain to Harvey Woods, infant son of Joseph R. Woods, the law books to James P. Woods, and the residue, amounting approximately to \$56,725, to Judge Goodwin and co-administrators. Judge Woods's two brothers, Joseph R. and James P. Woods, charged with an annuity in favor of their sister, Miss Anna Woods, and a small annuity in favor of Lucy Blaney, colored.

WILL ATTEND INAUGURATION.

Culpeper Minute Men Assigned Place in Parade.

Culpeper, Va., February 16.—The Culpeper Minute Men, under command of Captain Edwin Gibson, will attend the inaugural exercises in Washington on March 4, having been assigned a place in the parade. At the inspection last week by Captain Portello, inspector of the Virginia Volunteers, fifty of the sixty men enrolled were present. After the inspection an election for the place of second lieutenant, made vacant by the removal of Lieutenant Lewis Hawley to Washington, was held. Newhouse was elected to the vacancy.

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